



Mass Central Rail Trail - Norwottuck Rehabilitation Project Update

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Spring is Here and MCRT – Norwottuck Reconstruction Resumes!

What a long winter it has been. The snow is finally melting, and contractors are back out on the trail. The scope for the next several weeks includes:

- Excavating the old trail from Station Road to Southeast Street,
 - Re-grading and compact the sub-surface
- Repaving this entire section
 - Restoring and repaving the Station Road parking area
 - Installing signs, kiosks, amenities and additional landscaping

Station Road to Southeast Street Closed!

The final section of the reconstruction project, Southeast Street to Station Road in Amherst, will be closed including the parking lot at Station Road. Commuters and recreational users should plan to find detours and other locations to access the trail.

A potential detour is available for both of this sections. MassBike has posted potential detour information at

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJjCggDt-I>

Current Anticipated Schedule and Closures:

At this time, we expect the following schedule of path closures. All dates are subject to change.

Stage	Expected Closure	Type of Work	Possible On-Road Alternatives
Cross Path Rd., Hadley to East St., Hadley	Reopened! Fall, 2013	Path re-paving, new parking and amenities	
Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path	Reopened! May, 2014	Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving.	
Damon Rd. parking lot	Reopened! May, 2014	Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot.	
East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley	Reopened! May, 2014	Repaving and boardwalk	
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Reopened! July, 2014	Repaving, bridge repair, and picnic area.	
Rt. 116, Amherst – Southeast Street, Amherst	Reopened! November, 2014	Excavation, repaving, bridge repair, and stream restoration.	
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	April, 2015 through June, 2015	Excavation, repaving, and parking lot renovation	South East St. to Station Rd.

More Information?

DCR will continue to post information, updated schedules, and closures on our project web page at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/norwottuck-rail-trail-rehabilitation-project.html>.

We will also provide email updates via our Norwottuck Reconstruction ListServe. You can sign up for the ListServ at the link above.

Thank you for your on-going patience and support.